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Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

# CSAF survey results, participation up over 1999

## Wetekam keys on areas to improve Air Force life

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Robins Air Force Base is a better place to live and work now than three years ago, according to results from the Chief of Staff of the Air Force Organizational Climate Survey. Results from this year's survey, compared to results from the 1999 survey, showed improved levels of satisfaction from 2 percent to 8 percent in all survey categories.

The survey provides Air Force personnel, military and civilian, an opportunity to provide input for setting leadership priorities in the work place. At Robins Air Force Base, a greater number took advantage of that opportunity this year as opposed to the survey conducted in 1999.

The base saw a 19 percent increase this year in respondents of those eligible over the 1999 survey. This year, 6,495, or 45 percent, of Robins' personnel eligible to complete the survey did so. In 1999, 2,862, or 26 percent of those eligible, completed the survey, according to Charles Drake, with the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Plans and Programs Office. Drake was the installation point of contact for the survey.

The survey has multiple purposes. Besides giving the Air Force community the opportunity to express themselves to leaders, the survey also gives commanders and supervisors insight into what their staff and work force see as areas needing more attention while recognizing areas of strength, said Drake.

Robins' results went up in every area on the survey, as did Air Force and Air Force

Materiel Command survey results, said Drake.

At Robins, the highest-rated area was Job Characteristics. This was followed closely by Unit Performance, which was the overall Air Force highest-rated area. Respondents could rate areas in various degrees from "strongly agreed" to "strongly disagreed."

### Wetekam sees clear message

Warner Robins ALC commander Maj. Gen. Don Wetekam points to the trend he sees in the survey, and calls for renewed emphasis on interpersonal skills in the work place. "While I'm very pleased with those areas that rank highest in people's minds, and with the marks overall," he said, "I also see a consistent message in what they are telling us about simple, basic human interaction. That's where I want to see some attention."

On top of the 13 categories, he noted, are peoples' opinions of their jobs, their performance, their co-workers, and their job satisfaction. Personal impressions categories are clustered below those, in the form of participation, leadership, flexibility and recognition.

"That's pretty clear to me," observed Wetekam. "People would like, and I think they have a right to expect, more personal contact with their leaders. Whether it's in recognition, explanation, problem solving or just acknowledgement, we're being told they would like more face-to-face contact with those in their chain."

"We have a good atmosphere here," he continued, "and the vast majority of people like coming to work at Robins. But we can do better in the area of communication and that's a high priority with me, as it should be with everyone."

Wetekam cited e-mail as an example of an opportunity lost. "It's great for conveying

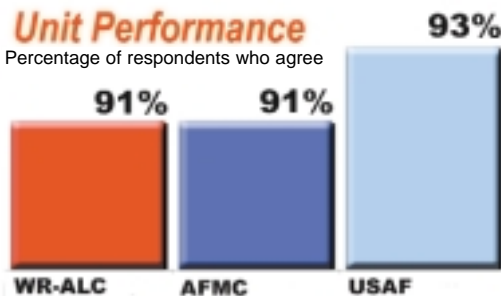
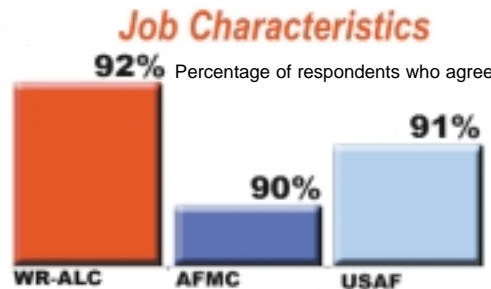
## Survey says

### JOB CHARACTERISTICS categories scaled in the survey included:

- My job requires me to use a variety of skills.
- My job allows me to see the finished products of my work.
- My job is designed so that I know when I have performed well.
- My job allows me freedom to work with minimum supervision.

### Comments from respondents at Robins for this category included:

- "I enjoy freedom to accomplish my job as I see fit, based on my experience. My supervisors do review and change the product as required, but do recognize my ability to perform the work."
- "I have been empowered to make decisions on my own and have always received



the support of my commander and deputy commander."

### UNIT PERFORMANCE categories scaled in the survey included:

- The quality of work in my unit is high.
- The quantity of work accomplished in my unit is high.
- My unit is known as one that gets the job done well.
- My unit is successfully accomplishing its mission.

### Comments from respondents at Robins for this category included:

- "We've been the best in AFMC for three years. Hard to beat that."
- "We have a good group of people working together to make a good TEAM."

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technical information, but it should never be used as a substitute for human relations," he said. "If you have an issue or a problem, the sooner you solve it the better, and there's no better way than to walk over or sit down face to face and talk about it."

Wetekam was pleased with the level of participation in the survey, the upward trend it reflects, and the honesty of the feedback. "We learned

we're doing a good job at many things, but we can also zero in on some things people would like to see improved," he said. "We can see where to target our efforts, even as we work on improving all areas between now and the next survey."

"I was especially pleased to see participation

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U.S. Air Force photos by Lisa Mathews

The two B-1 Lancers flown during the final training flight of the aircraft by members of the 116th Bomb Wing were adorned with special nose art commemorating the event. Below, retired Maj. Gen. Bruce MacLain, former commander of the 116th, shakes hands with current commander, Col. Tom Lynn, following the flight.

## 116th flies last B-1 training mission

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One door closed and another opened for the 116th Bomb Wing Saturday when the final training flights for the B-1 Lancers were flown.

"It's bittersweet," said Col. Tom Lynn, commander of the wing. "There always has to be a final flight. Monday we start on the new mission. This door closes; we open a new one and go from there," he said.



While waiting for the approach and landing of the final two B-1s Saturday, MacLain said, "It's a good day, and it's a bad day. We hate to see the B-1 go back when we do it so well here."

The now retired major general is encouraged about the group's new mission.

"The 116th has gone through changes and has always done it well."

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## Security alert

## All must help in fight against terrorism

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Robins Air Force Base is on security alert. It has been since 9-11 and will continue to be as long as the United States fights a war against terrorism, according to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

That could be years, and security forces wants people to understand not only that security is a new way of life on base, but that it necessitates some change in every single person working inside the fence.

"The threat is still real out there and we continue to receive intelligence on terrorist actions so people still need to be aware of their surroundings," said Master Sgt. Shannon Gallien, 78th Air Base Wing Anti-terrorism Force Protection Program manager. "Keeping Robins and the base personnel safe from harm is everyone's job," he said.

Air Force Materiel Command recently gave bases the option to adjust Force Protection Condition, or FPCON, measures to local threats, versus the more specific dic-

tates enforced since 9-11.

Robins will be making some adjustments, but security is in no way relaxing, said Gallien. The core tenets of security will continue to be flexibility and vigilance.

Robins workers will note some of the security changes, while others will remain covert, and still others will not change. "There will still be 100 percent vehicle ID checks at the gate," Gallien said. "That's something we really want people to know."

Emphasis on high-value assets on base will also continue. Selected areas will maintain high security measures as long as necessary.

Keeping Robins and the base personnel safe from harm beyond that, however, becomes everyone's job, Gallien said. "Everyone on the installation is considered a sensor and must continuously be aware of what belongs or doesn't belong in their facilities, work centers and neighborhoods," he said. "Everyone plays an important role in protecting the installation from possible

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## Fireworks, family fun slated for annual concert

By Senior Airman Rebecca Collins  
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Those seeking a wholesome way to celebrate the nation's birthday can pack their picnic baskets and bring their blankets and lawn chairs to the annual Air Force Reserve Command's annual Independence Day Concert. The concert is set for Wednesday at McConnell-Talbert Stadium on South Davis Drive in Warner Robins. Admission is free and open to the public.

"Independence Day concerts are the highlight of my year," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Miles, horn player and operations representative for the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve. "It is one of the few times each year we can perform for the local families, and I love every minute of it."

"We're honored to be able to pay tribute to the families of those who have been tapped to support Operation Enduring Freedom," said

David Ballengee, producer for the band. "All those who back up our men and women in service are a part of Team Robins, and that includes their families and community. What better time than our nation's birthday than to recognize these outstanding people?"

Sharing the stage with the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve will be the Grammy award-winning and world-renowned vocalist, Gary Morris. As a bonus for the kids and the young at heart, local businesses are sponsoring a fantastic fireworks display immediately following the concert.

The stadium will open to the public at 6 p.m. The Houston County Honor Band, comprised of select musicians from the county's four high schools, will perform at 7:15 p.m. and the main stage show starts at 8 p.m.

The stadium bleachers offer plenty of seating and attendees are welcome to bring lawn

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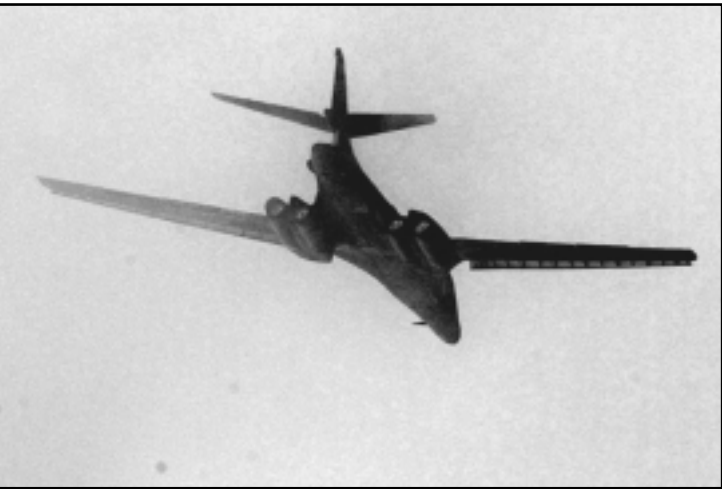
Countdown to MSEP – 19 Days

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Robins Pride – Pick it Up, Clean it Up, Make it Shine!







Ga. Air National Guard photo by Faith Lawrence  
A B-1 Lancer of the 116th Bomb Wing does a flyby during final flight celebrations at Robins.

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Coming in for final landing

All eyes were focused on the sky as the planes made the final flybys prior to landing. Shouts filled the air. Hugs, back slaps and handshakes were exchanged by family members and guardsmen alike. The final flight was complete. Lynn stepped down from the plane and was promptly sprayed with champagne and water. Lynn proudly spoke of the 116th having the safest flying record of any B-1 unit; but what he was most proud of, he said, were the people of the wing. “All you’ve got to do is show them the way and then get out of the way,” he said. This statement is backed up by the fact the group has won 11 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards.

Time to celebrate

“Today’s a party, a celebration of six years of flying this jet and being the best at it,” said pilot Capt. Chris Dunlap. The full-time guardsman said the B-1 is a sleek, powerful plane. He’s ready to learn his part in the wing’s new mission though. “I look forward to doing something new,” he said. While he has not flown the E-8C, he has completed simulator flights for the aircraft. Dunlap explained the first group of pilots and navigators are already in training for the Joint STARS mission. “The next wave will be in October, and then the next in January,” he said. Master Sgt. Charles Susko, supervisor of the fuel shop, shares Dunlap’s enthusiasm for the new mission. “We’re looking forward to it,” he said. “We have already been working with the fuel shop at the 93rd.” Susko said that concerns had been mentioned prior to the beginning of the cross training. These concerns were quickly laid to rest, he said. “We’ve got a lot to offer and I think they do too,” he said of the 93rd fuel shop personnel.

Going on from here

“This is another step in the history of the 116th,” said Lt. Col. Ken Baldowski, state public affairs officer for Georgia National Guard. “We have been able to transition from fighter to bomber to this surveillance plane. This shows the capability to make changes. (The Department of Defense) feel the National Guard has the ability,” he said. “This shows you the caliber of the unit, the people and the leadership of the 116th,” said Baldowski.

Material control keeps costs down, safety up

By Danny Singleton  
Depot Supply Division Chief

Oversupply can often become a hazard or a nuisance in a depot like Robins Air Force Base. Maintaining material control and following proper instruction can minimize problems as well as keep costs low. Air Force Materiel Command Instruction 21-130, Equipment Maintenance Material Control, is the governing instruction for the control of material and production assets required to produce depot maintenance workloads. This instruction prescribes the basic policy for obtaining and controlling material. The publication also specifies proce-

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chairs or blankets for seating on the infield. Food and beverages will be available at concessions. Picnic baskets are welcome but will be subject to search. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited. The concert is sponsored by WMAZ-TV, the Middle Georgia Newspaper Group -- The Macon Telegraph, The Daily Sun, Robins Rev-Up and The Buyer’s Guide -- the Warner Robins Civitan Club, and the Warner Robins Convention and Visitor’s Bureau. No federal endorsement intended. The Robins Air Force Base Transportation Office will provide shuttle service for military members, Department of Defense civilian personnel, and their families from various pickup points on the base to the former Robins West Shoppette located near the stadium’s rear entrance. Those persons wanting to take advantage of this service may call Base Transportation at 926-3493 for more details. Guest artist Morris has the distinction of performing for royalty throughout the world and all the living United States presidents. In 1984, his original rendition of “Wind Beneath My Wings” won both the Country Music Association and Academy of Country Music Song of the Year Awards.

Morris was the first American to play the heroic and challenging role of Jean Valjean in Les Miserables, one of the longest running plays in Broadway history. The full symphonic recording of Les Miserables is a platinum-selling, Grammy Award-winning album and features Morris’ now-famous version of “Bring Him Home.”

dures for the system support centers or weapon system support centers that are responsible for managing, maintaining and controlling the bench stock, shop stock, parts and other material used by depot production mechanics. Although most of the responsibilities rest with the SSC or WSSC, the individual mechanic has responsibilities as well. Mechanics should take or order only what is needed for the task being performed, return any excess parts or material to the proper turn-in location and properly dispose of any used or unserviceable parts or material. In addition, shops are not authorized to have unofficial or mini-bench stock locations, not managed on a bench

stock detail by the SSC or WSSC. Only those mechanics working at a stationary workbench or workstation are authorized to have a two- to three-day supply of shop stock in their possession. This is authorized and does not require an official bench stock location. The shop supervisor is responsible for ensuring individual levels of stock do not get out of control and are not considered excessive. Mechanics working from a tool kit are not authorized to maintain bench stock. Abiding by these basic requirements will limit material costs, control the potential for foreign-object damage, and ensure inventory stock levels are accurately maintained.

Security

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terrorist targeting and activity.” “Planning is a terrorist’s number one ally and we have to deny that comfort to him or her by varying our routines, changing our patterns and inserting the element of unpredictability into our daily lives so that our enemies think twice about the increased danger of discovery,” said Col. Bonnie Cirrincionne, 78th Air Base Wing commander. “If a terrorist thinks he only has to dodge the guards, he is emboldened. If, however, he knows he has to avoid detection by all 22,000 of us, he must think twice about the futility of his effort.” If anyone notices anything suspicious, Gallien said, they should contact security forces at 926-2187, or the Office of Special Investigations at 926-2141. Accompanying current anti-terrorism force protection concept, OSI is implementing an Air Force-wide program called “Eagle Eyes” that will help to minimize and prevent terrorist acts. “Eagle Eyes is our model for doing

just that,” said Special Agent Darren Tillman, commander of Det. 105 Air Force OSI. “The simple act of recognizing suspicious behavior and reporting it to base authorities could thwart terrorist acts and save lives.” Teamed with security forces and OSI, Cirrincionne is considering the establishment of an Eagle Eyes award program. “Our people are recognized for their contributions to our mission and it shouldn’t be any different in the force protection arena,” said Cirrincionne. “Force protection has become the forefront of our everyday lives and our people should be recognized for their contributions in protecting the installation, its mission and our people from terrorist activity. If everyone becomes security conscious and reports suspicious activity we will continue to win the war against terrorism.” Even though the base is changing some current security measures, there is always the chance that increased security will happen as deemed necessary by daily intelligence.

We need your input!

What do you think about the Robins Rev-Up? We’d like to know. Take a few minutes and do the online newspaper survey at: [www.afnews.af.mil/internal/survey/survey\\_index .htm](http://www.afnews.af.mil/internal/survey/survey_index.htm). The survey runs until the end of June.



# CSAF survey results show AFMC is getting better

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio – Following the May 24 release of the Air Force Chief of Staff’s organizational climate survey results, Air Force Materiel Command as a whole showed improvements in several areas.

Survey respondents took the time to provide their leaders feedback in several areas of leadership and organization by participating in the survey, which ran Jan. 22 through March 8.

When asked about the organizational climate of their unit, the majority of participants had positive responses. The command-wide results were:

- Unit performance outcomes – 91 percent of responses were positive.
- The job – 91 percent of responses were positive.
- Core values, teamwork, and job enhancement – 85 percent of responses were positive.
- Training and development – 81 percent of responses were positive.
- Supervision – 79 percent of responses were positive.
- General satisfaction – 77 percent of responses were

- positive.
- Unit leadership – 76 percent of responses were positive.
  - Participation/involvement – 75 percent of responses were positive.
  - Unit flexibility – 74 percent of responses were positive.
  - Resources – 71 percent of responses were positive.
  - Recognition – 69 percent of responses were positive.

Compared with 1999’s survey results, AFMC survey participants indicated by their responses that AFMC is getting stronger in these key areas.

All categories, except one, showed an increase of 1 to 4 percent in positive responses. The exception to this improvement trend was “the job,” with positive responses constant at 91 percent.

Individual items of the survey asked respondents to agree or disagree with the statement. AFMC results to certain statements, with percentage of respondents agreeing, are as follows:

- I am aware of quality of life programs at my base. 85 percent of respondents agreed.
- My unit’s daily operations are focused on reducing cost and improving perfor-

- mance. 77 percent of respondents agreed.
- I am satisfied with my unit leadership’s commitment to improving my quality of life. 74 percent of respondents agreed.
  - Efforts to improve management and labor relationships have had a positive impact on my unit. 66 percent of respondents agreed.
- Survey respondents were asked to rank-order factors that contributed to their continued service in the Air Force. For each place ranking (first through seventh), the most commonly-selected responses were:
1. Type of work/challenging work.
  2. Competitive pay and compensation and type of work/challenging work (the same percent of people agreed on each item as deserving the number two spot).
  3. Competitive pay and compensation inched out retirement benefits.
  4. Work/personal life balance.
  5. Professional development.
  6. Patriotism.
  7. Other reasons, not listed above captured the final position.
- When asked to respond to the statement “My attitude at

- work is Optimistic, Neutral, Pessimistic,” 76 percent felt optimistic about their attitude.
- Wing, group and unit commanders are under no obligation to release specific survey results to their superiors – yet they use the results to find out if improvements can be made wherever perceived problems lie.
- A three-part cycle was established for each commander to solicit employees’ thoughts on their organization, and to put those responses to work.
- The first part, the survey itself, gathered specific responses in key areas discussed above.
- The second part, which involves soliciting specific feedback, allows commanders to determine if there are any driving forces behind specific survey responses.
- The third part, the action step, gives commanders the opportunity to take action in areas they deem appropriate, to improve the organizational climate of their unit.
- In the future, when the next Chief of Staff organizational climate survey is announced, the three-part cycle begins anew – participants will be asked once again to participate in making the Air Force a better

- place for everyone.
- AFMC men and women responded to the CSAF Organizational Climate in large numbers. With this employee feedback, leaders will pursue improvement efforts and more articles will follow to highlight actions implemented across AFMC.

## AEF schedules remaining same

### Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The air and space expeditionary force concept was a major topic of discussion at the recent Corona meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo., most notably on the lengths and numbers of existing AEF deployments.

Bottom line — the current AEF deployment alignment will remain the same, said the special assistant to the vice chief of staff for AEFs.

This means 10 AEFs divided into five pairs, with 90-day temporary duty assignments for a 15-month total cycle length.

“As a result of a Corona decision, the Air Force is retaining the 10 AEFs and maintaining the 90-day rotation policy to the maximum extent possible,” said Maj. Gen. Timothy Peppe.

The exception to that policy would be for “stressed” career fields where some individuals, based upon current requirements, will be told to deploy as long as 179 days.

“Clearly our intent is to fix these stressed career fields as soon as possible so that the

90-day policy is a reality for all,” Peppe said.

Another Corona decision involves the two air expeditionary wings, known as “911” wings, identified in the original AEF alignment.

“By Aug. 1, the resources of those AEWs will be aligned throughout the existing 10 AEFs, and they will be tasked accordingly starting with Cycle 4 in June 2003,” Peppe said. “Based upon cur-

rent operational demands, it made sense to fold these two wings into existing AEF rotations.”

The crisis-response need that the AEWs fulfilled will come from the current construct of AEFs starting with Cycle 4, Peppe said.

Education about AEFs should be a primary concern at all levels of the Air Force, from general officers to airmen basic, according to Chief

of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John P. Jumper.



# PRIME BEEF team supports Washington ANG

By Lt. Col. John LaBuda  
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FAIRCHILD AFB, Wash. — The 116th Civil Engineer Squadron PRIME BEEF team deployed more than 30 people to Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., during the first two weeks of June to support the Washington Air National Guard’s 141st Air Refueling Wing.

All but one of the deployed team consisted of traditional Guard members doing their long awaited 15-day deploy for training opportunity. It was the first deployment for the team in more than five years, and it couldn’t have come at a better time for the 141st CES.

More than 40 personnel from the 141st CES are currently deployed to support Operation Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle, leaving a skeleton crew behind to handle daily operations at Fairchild. The unit also received far less than the requested operating budget to get several important projects completed by summer’s end.

“We knew what we needed to get these jobs done right, and that was the competent, skilled craftsmen of a quality PRIME BEEF Team,” said Maj. Mike Nestor, the 141st CES assistant civil engineer.

PRIME BEEF teams are designed to turn bare earth into mission capable bases.

The teams are comprised of highly trained personnel providing electrical, structural, utility and heavy equipment expertise, and provide an efficient, cost-effective solution to bases needing much “site work” completed safely in a short period of time.

The 116th PRIME BEEF team volunteered for the training in February. They had deployed to support Air Expeditionary Force requirements over the past few years, but had not been on a DFT since they moved from Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., more than six years ago. The work they signed up for gave them great training and gave the 141st CES some much needed help.

“We had one high visibility project we wanted done by July,” added Nestor.

“The improvements to the static display aircraft area are a big priority to our wing.”

This project includes new access roads, irrigation and electrical improvements, and a memorial to a 141st ARW KC-135 crew that lost their lives when their tanker crashed in early 1999.

The team from the 116th did so well on that job that the 141st added several other items to their list of things to do. New parking lots, access roads, rebuilding a 50-year-old bathroom, changing air conditioner units and installing 300 feet of culvert were just some of the tasks completed by the Georgia team.

“I can’t say enough about the attitude and professionalism this unit brought with them,” lauded Chief Master Sgt. Don Germeaux. “I just can’t say enough. My hats off to them.”

A follow-up on PRIME BEEF



U.S. Air Force photo by Lt. Col. John LaBuda

116th Civil Engineer Squadron PRIME BEEF members do site work around a static display F-102 and a soon-to-be-completed memorial to a 141st Air Refueling Wing KC-135 tanker crew that lost their lives when their tanker crashed in 1999.

team from the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center will come to the 141st to finish some of the work begun by the 116th. Germeaux added “The guys from Georgia got so much work done during their stay that I may have a tough time finding projects for the Mississippi guys to do during their second week here.”

## The rewards of tax time



Courtesy photo

Maj. Gwendolyn Taylor, 116th Bomb Wing Plans, accepts a Stakeholders, Partnerships, Education and Communication Program award from Joanne Butler and Gloria Carithers of the Atlanta Internal Revenue Service Office. Taylor and her tax team members helped 116th Bomb Wing personnel and their families by preparing and submitting more than 300 returns during the 2002 tax season.

## Getting stripes from Rumsfeld

116th Bomb Wing

Chief Master Sgt. Rodolfo “Rudy” Gallegos, from the 202nd Engineering Installation Squadron, Macon, was “pinned” with chief master sergeant stripes recently by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Col. John L. Strube, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander.

The pinning took place at the conclusion of Rumsfeld’s speech given to the troops stationed at Al Udeid Air Base and from various Qatari installations. As a Georgia Guardsmen, Gallegos is the 202nd Quality Assurance non commissioned officer in charge and answered the call to active duty in May to serve his country as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Whiled deployed, he received orders that he was promoted to chief master sergeant.

Gallegos was selected for promotion as part of the Air National Guard’s Exceptional Promotion Program. At Al Udeid, Gallegos



Courtesy photo

Col. John L. Strube, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander, gives just-pinned Chief Master Sgt. Rodolfo “Rudy” Gallegos a congratulatory punch while Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld finishes putting on Gallegos’ new rank.

supports the war fighter as a member of the Engineering Installation Small Management Team.

# C-130 SPO setting new standards

## Office achieves unprecedented record

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The C-130 System Program Office is achieving an unprecedented record in C-130 weapon system management history. The SPO provides cradle-to-grave acquisition and sustainment of the worldwide U.S. Hercules fleet. May 2002 fig-

ures for the fleet show that C-130 has realized superior operational readiness in the following core performance indicators during the specified periods:

- The Air Force Hercules fleet mission capable standard is 74 percent. The C-130 SPO's average MC rate for

the past 15 months is 74.5 percent. MC rates measure the operational or ready-to-go posture of aircraft.

- The Air Force Hercules fleet total not mission capable standard for supply is 14 percent. The C-130 SPO's average TNMCS rate for the past 39 months is 13.7 percent. TNMCS rates measure supply downtime.
- Aircraft-grounding mission incapable awaiting parts

hours, which measure the length of time that an aircraft is grounded pending receipt of required parts, have remained at optimum levels and below the tolerance limit for 29 consecutive months. The MICAP tolerance for the Hercules fleet is 300,000 hours for any given month. The C-130 SPO's average MICAP rate for the past 29 months is 265,513 hours.

Col. Greg Postulka, C-130

SPO director, praised his energetic team for its "long term commitment to excellence" and for the role it fulfills daily in the war on terrorism and many other real world deployments. The team is responsible for surging parts, sustaining engineering, proactive logistics and providing superior systems management. In 2000, the C-130 SPO won Air Force Materiel Command's General Schriever Award for outstand-

ing program management. However, the magnitude and continuity of readiness that the SPO has sustained since that time now exceeds that which earned them this prestigious award, according to C-130 SPO officials.

The Hercules fleet includes 700-plus aircraft used by seven major commands at 60 bases, as well as 600-plus aircraft for 23 foreign countries, officials said.

## Survey

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up from 26 to 45 percent of the work force," he said. "I am encouraged by that many voices offering their thoughts. We'll work hard to do justice to the interest they've shown in making Robins an even better place to work."

### Taking action across command

In Job Characteristics, 92 percent of Robins' respondents agreed with the survey's category statements. This was a 2 percent increase over 1999 survey results at Robins and a 1 percent higher result than both AFMC and U. S. Air Force results. The Unit Performance category earned 91 percent agreement, up 3 points over 1999, matching AFMC results and just 2 points under Air Force results.

Drake explained that, following review of survey results, each installation reports to AFMC headquarters at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, with ideas and plans on how to bring about greater satisfaction for the installation's population in all areas. These ideas are shared command wide. This in turn, gives commanders feedback from what other bases in the command are implementing to bring about the desired results.

Across the board, results indicate a nearly equal division between areas where results are rated as excelling, areas rated as acceptable and areas respondents feel need attention.

The survey areas where Robins leaders will place greatest attention based on respondents' feedback include Participation and Involvement, Unit Leadership, Unit Flexibility, Resources, and Recognition.

These all track within a few percentage points of results from AFMC and U.S. Air Force results. In all areas, Robins' results improved between 4 and 5 percent from the 1999 survey.

## We need your input

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**Deadline for  
Rev-Up  
submissions is  
4:30 p.m. Monday**

**Offices are located in  
Bldg. 215, Suite 106**





U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Roger Prestridge undergoes pulmonary testing administered by Condell Smith and Shirley Trammell, medical instrument technicians with the 78th Medical Group.

# Occupational health process wins RITE STUFF award

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The 78th Medical Group fine-tuned its process for scheduling physical exams for base workers and earned the 78th Air Base Wing’s RITE STUFF award for the effort.

RITE STUFF stands for Recognizing Innovation in Team Excellence, Supporting Those Units Flying and Fighting. The wing senior staff chooses the winner based on presentations delivered to the wing’s senior staff meeting.

In his presentation, Lt. Col. Dennis Pearman, commander of the Occupational Medicine Clinic, said the faster, more flexible process has made it possible for the clinic to nearly double the number of monthly examinations it administered last year.

The challenge the clinic attacked, Pearman said, was how to reach some 4,500 workers from about 200 shops to schedule their annual exams.

These military and civilian patients require annual examinations because of work-related

exposures, Pearman said. The approximately 18 clinic staff directly involved in the process met a couple of times a month over the course of a year to develop the improvement, he said.

Pearman said the clinic’s occupational examinations scheduler, Celestine King, created a template of exams, times, and availability on her Microsoft “Outlook” calendar. She then teamed with base training managers and others involved in the scheduling in the various shops, giving them remote access to the calendar.

“The feature offers training managers and the others the flexibility of knowing real time what appointments are available and last minute changes that have been made,” Pearman said. The result was reduced no-shows and greater efficiency.

King also automated the paperwork that goes into examination processing. Instead of spending time preparing forms by hand, Pearman said, the forms can be automatically prepared using mail merge before the workers arrive at the clinic for their appointment.



## Attitude – you own it, control it

By Lt. Col. Naomi Lawless  
27th Medical Operations Squadron

CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AFPN) — Each of us has something that no one can control or take away from us: our attitude.

Our attitude is the soul of our being. It can change how we look at ourselves, how we look at our environment, how we act and how others perceive us. Attitude can affect our health, our goals, and how we deal with successes and failures.

Attitude is the difference between just existing in life, passing one day at time, or delighting in life, savoring every moment. Why do most of us neglect to develop this life-changing tool?

You hear it every day from at least one person: “I hate my job;” “There is nothing to do here;” and “I can’t wait until I’m out of here.” Do the people who say these things seem happy? Do you enjoy working alongside them? Are they successful and fulfilled?

You own your attitude, so you can control it. The first step is to acknowledge that you can take charge of your attitude.

Second, determine what your attitude is now. If you could be a fly on the wall and overhear a conversation by people describing your attitude, what would they say? How has your attitude made a difference lately, good or bad?

If the result of this reflection leads to a plan to make changes, perhaps the following tips will help. Read some books on attitude.

“The Power of Positive Thinking” by Norman Vincent Peale and “Attitude is Everything” by Keith Harrell are my favorites.

Here are some pearls of wisdom from these authors.

Program your attitude with positive internal dialogue. Remember what they say in the computer world, “garbage in, garbage out.” The next time you make a negative statement, counter that with a positive one. For example, list what you would count as a blessing.

Change your perspective. The grass is not always greener on the other side.

Not knowing what your purpose in life is can lead to a negative attitude, and while being in the Air Force or associated with the Air Force may not be your ultimate goal, for the time, you can focus today on your purpose in defending the constitution of the United States.

A huge area that can help or hinder how well you manage your attitude is your relationships. The Air Force provides an environment to accept others unconditionally, to earn trust by being trustworthy, to do nice things without expecting anything in return, to be loyal and to understand other viewpoints.

Not everyone you encounter will appreciate these positive attitudes, so stay away from them if you can. These are not the people you want as your closest friends. They will defeat your potential. Stay focused on your goal of being positive and joyful.

Owning your attitude is easier said than done. After all, we are just human and we get buffeted daily with events that can bring us down. Some tips to staying motivated are rest, exercise and diet. Set aside time for yourself and with your family and that new set of positive friends you have.

Volunteer to help others, remembering that you have been the recipient of help at one time and that you will be blessed when you pass this along.

Reflect on your specialness. What have you done that was recognized? What is it that you do well?

Finally, feed your spirit daily with motivational tapes and books.

Publisher, psychologist and author of motivational books J. Martin Kohe once said, “The greatest power that a person possesses is the power to choose.” You own your attitude. Choose to make it work for you, not against you.

*Commentary courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service.*

## Celebrating the past while looking to the future

By General Lester Lyles  
AFMC Commander

On July 1, 1992, two proud organizations merged to meet the challenges of a changing Air Force. Air Force Systems Command and Air Force Logistics Command each came with storied histories, and for the first time, one Air Force organization was given “cradle-to-grave” responsibility for air and space war-fighting capabilities.

As we celebrate Air Force Materiel Command’s 10th Anniversary and march into the 21st Century focused on transformation, I’m reminded that AFMC was actually born as a transformational command, with a charter to revolutionize Air Force acquisition and sustainment.

We continue that great tradition today and have built a 10-year record of excellence in delivering innovative capabilities to our warriors – capabilities that start with research in our labs. From there, our product and test centers serve as the vital link between us and industry, ensuring the right capabilities are developed, tested and delivered to our war fighters. And our air logistics centers ensure those capabilities are sustained throughout the product’s life cycle. This has been our core mission for a decade and it continues to guide our efforts today.

But, the initial challenges in standing up a new organization with such a critical and expansive mission were daunting. AFMC’s first commander, Gen. Ron Yates, was a visionary. Under his leadership, AFMC overcame the challenges involved in merging the acquisition and sustainment functions. AFMC evolved from a transformational concept into an innovative organization overseeing research and development, testing, systems acquisition and sustainment.

I had the honor of taking command of what I consider the most important organization in the Air Force in April 2000. For me, this has always been my dream job. When AFMC stood up, I was serving as vice commander and later

commander at the Ogden Air Logistics Center. From there, I got the opportunity to command the Space and Missile Systems Center. So, I’ve been in AFMC for much of its distinguished history and was very excited to get the opportunity to come back as your commander.

During the past two years, I’ve had the privilege of continuing the important work initiated by my three predecessors. I also inherited a world-class work force. But, like my predecessors, change has been the status quo. During my tenure, the Space and Missile Systems Center was realigned under Air Force Space Command. We also completed closing two air logistics centers at McClellan and Kelly Air Force Bases. But, we’ve never taken our eyes off our target - delivering and sustaining revolutionary capabilities — capabilities the Air Force needed as it played a dominant role in several conflicts, including the ongoing war on terrorism.

Throughout the past decade, one thing has remained constant. AFMC has always been ready and able to change to meet the needs of the Air Force and our nation.

And we are still changing today, perhaps more significantly than at any other time since our first days as an organization. A very dangerous and changing world demands new capabilities and a new outlook on how we need to be organized as well as how we do business.

Our transformation is for real. It’s not just a buzzword. The war fighters need tomorrow’s technology today. Today’s environment demands out-of-the-box thinking. Old paradigms are being challenged and new approaches introduced.

At the same time, we are shifting from a program-centric to an enterprise focus that looks at the big pic-

*Whatever the challenge, we’ve always remained faithful to our mission through the changes of the last decade, diligently providing sustainable war-fighting capabilities to our warriors.*



ture of what capabilities we need and how they fit together to produce dominant battlefield effects.

We are also actively engaged in ensuring our scientists and engineers remain a core part of our work force. Their efforts represent our future. We are instituting initiatives that will enable us to recruit and retain new talent to replace the abundance of experience in all mission areas we will soon lose to retirement.

Whatever the challenge, we’ve always remained faithful to our mission through the changes of the last decade, diligently providing sustainable war-fighting capabilities to our warriors.

We’ve had a distinguished first decade. AFMC’s success is seen on today’s battlefield, a battlefield shaped by the capabilities we’ve produced and sustained. This command has had a direct hand in developing capabilities that are right now in the hands of war fighters including the Global Hawk, the armed Predator, the Air Operations Center Weapon System, Tactical Datalink, the C-17, and the Joint Direct Attack Munitions.

Some of the products currently being developed in our labs are even more revolutionary and it will be exciting to see how they change future warfare. We’ve laid the groundwork for another electrifying 10 years.

We celebrate the past as we look to the future. Exciting times are ahead and I’m already looking forward to our 20th Anniversary!

## Commanders’ Action Line



Col. Bonnie Cirrincione  
Commander 78th Air Base Wing

*Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.*

*To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage on the World Wide Web at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm>.*

*Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.*



Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam  
Commander Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

### Youth summer camp

**Q:** My child attended the base day care from the time she was born until she started school, and has been at the youth center day camp every summer since then, until this summer. Someone I know who works at the youth center made the comment that if enough people had complained about the new procedures this year, General Wetekam would have to open another center. My question is if there were 205 applicants for 84 slots, wouldn’t it be obvious that another center needs to be opened? I waited in line for several hours to get a slot to ensure my child had a great program to attend during the summer. Although standing in line was supposed to be first come, first served, I was penalized for the fact that I work at Robins, but my husband does not. I was placed in Priority 2 and there were 140 applicants in Priority 1 alone. If

you are going to do a fair lottery, it seems that all applications should have been placed in and drawn from the same bag. My daughter is now enrolled in four different summer camp programs, and I have paid three different registration fees. I know many disgruntled parents whose children did not get into the youth center, but we didn’t feel that stomping our feet and carrying on about the situation would change the fact that there is no facility for them.

Can you please address exactly how this problem will be addressed next year so that I can plan accordingly? Is there anything in the works to alleviate the problem of too many children and not enough slots for next year’s summer camp?

**A:** Col. Cirrincione responds: Thanks for the opportunity to clarify this issue. We recognize that there is a great demand for summer

care for our school-age youth and understand that parents are particularly interested in the excellent programs offered on base. The Services Division did request a construction project to build an addition to the existing building; however, the project failed to meet Air Force Materiel Command needs assessment criteria for a funded project. Regardless, the youth center expanded its summer operation from 96 youth to 144 youth to meet the increased demand. To accomplish this, the program uses space from the teen center and the open recreation side of the youth center. The youth center currently has no plans to add a third site because the regular staff of 10 cannot be stretched enough to sustain a quality program supporting three sites. We also have logistics issues concerning the transportation of food as well as transportation of youth. Any care offered by our

programs must meet all the criteria required for Department of Defense certification. The use of a lottery allowed the youth center to provide request forms online and eliminated the need for anyone to spend the night standing in line. The criteria used follows the waiting list priority guidelines found in DODI 6060.2 and the Master Labor Agreement. The bottom line here is economics. The demand for care exceeds the number of spaces we can supply. It is critical that the quality of care is not compromised. Unfortunately, we are not able to meet everyone’s requests for summer care; however, I am glad that you were able to find care for your child. Although we will continue to seek ways to expand our facilities and related services for our youth, I would suggest that you have a similar backup plan for next summer.



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## Caring for an aging fleet

# Nose ring shop keeps C-141s flying

By Rebecca Yull  
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Taking care of a nose ring can be tedious, but it needs to be done — not the ones people wear, but ones worn by the C-141 Starlifter.

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has three people who take on the necessary task of caring for nose rings.

Benny Evans has been working on nose rings off and on for about 12 years. He's the senior man on the three-man crew, directing and helping Leland Blocker and Danny Woodard.

With their hard work, the C-141s still in operation can complete their assigned missions safely. Without a nose ring, which fits on the front of the aircraft's engine and maintains a cool temperature to prevent overheating, the plane could easily fall out of the sky.

The nose rings come in the shop for scheduled maintenance. The crew disassembles them and inspects the rings for cracks, holes and missing pieces. If the crew finds any problems, they make repairs. This could take about two weeks with one ring that has minimal wear and tear, Blocker said. However, Woodard sometimes takes as long as four weeks because he has been working in the shop for a short time.

When a nose ring comes into the shop, it must be sent to be depainted first. Workers then remove 700 rivets and inspect every inch of the frame, doors and skins — outer and inner. "We have to do it all by hand," Evans said.

Once the ring has been inspected and all the imperfections fixed, the crew reassembles it. This can actually cause problems. The

outer skin can crack from riveting or just being fitted on the inner skin. "I just cracked one the other day," Woodard said.

"That titanium is so thin that with all the wear and tear it can crack easily. But you don't know until you've put it back together," Evans said, because the cracks usually happen where the outer skin is curved over the top of the inner skin.

If this happens, the nose ring must be completely dismantled, again, to replace the skin.

Manning in the nose ring shop decreased from 14 in the past couple years because the Air Force is retiring the C-141, Evans said. "We don't get as many because they're not using them as much," he said. This affords them opportunities for better quality work and more rapid return of the part to the field.

The Air Force is retiring the aging C-141 in 2006, replacing the fleet with the newer C-17 Globemaster.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Leland Blocker inspects a nose ring for cracks, holes and missing pieces.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Danny Woodard reassembles a nose ring, replacing the 700 rivets one at a time, by hand.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Benny Evans shows how the flaps on the nose wing operate. They open and close allowing air in and out the ring as needed to keep the engine from overheating.

*Nose rings, which fit on the front of aircraft engines, prevent overheating.*



## Take care to take care of pets

By Rebecca Yull  
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Pet owners need to spay and neuter their animals to prevent the problem of strays and feral cats and dogs. This is the general consensus of local animal control organizations and the base veterinary office.

"The best thing anyone can do is spay and neuter their personal pets," said retired Chief Master Sgt. George Butts, who now runs Warner Robins Animal Services. The animal shelter retrieves approximately 40-50 pets a year from Robins Air Force Base, Butts said.

This really isn't a large amount, he said. "Military people are just a reflection of society. I wouldn't say that we get any more or any less from them than anyone else."

The reason might be that Robins does have measures in place to discourage the mass reproduction of

animals.

"Keep all female dogs and cats in heat in the owner's quarters or a secure enclosure in such a manner that the female dog or cat cannot come in contact with another animal," it says in RAFBI 48-131 2.2.12.

The base veterinary office also suggests the spaying and neutering of pets. The Robins Veterinary Treatment Facility does not offer sterilization, but can recommend a local

veterinarian who can provide the service to a pet owner. When pet owners come in to the VTF, those with new animals are encouraged to spay or neuter if they have no intention of breeding the animal; those with older animals are encouraged to sterilize to keep the animal population down. Breeding of animals is prohibited on base.

The Robins AFB instruction also prohibits cats from running free on base and abandoning pets on base. All unwanted pets should be turned

in to a "responsible party," like the animal shelter.

Nuisance animals are picked up by security forces. If a stray or nuisance animal is spotted, residents or employees should contact 78th Air Base Wing Security Forces law enforcement desk, said Tech. Sgt. Robert Raymond, non commissioned officer in charge of police services. "We would not recommend touching the animal."

Raymond warned of the danger of rabies if an animal were to bite or scratch a person attempting to apprehend it.

After an animal is apprehended, security forces then turns it over the WRAS.

However, as long as Robins' residents do their part in keeping their animals in when they are in heat or sterilizing them to prevent reproduction, the incidents of strays and feral animals on Robins AFB can be reduced and even stopped.

*"The best thing anyone can do is spay and neuter their personal pets."*

retired Chief Master Sgt.  
George Butts  
Warner Robins Animal Services

U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Tech. Sgt. Charles Huffstutler enjoys a moment with Kopek, his beloved pet, in one of the neighborhoods on Robins Air Force Base.



## School open for registration

Parents who are new to and reside on Robins Air Force Base can register their children at Robins Elementary School during the summer months. The school is open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily for registration.

Parents can help the school system plan for the new school year by registering as soon as possible, if they have not already done so. School starts on Aug. 8.

Kindergarten is an important part of the school program in the Robins AFB school system. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current year. For first grade, a child must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current year.

The base school also has a pre-kindergarten program for 4-year-olds. To be eligible, a student must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current year.

Students entering school for the first time are required to present a birth certificate and immunization records. More specific information can be obtained by calling the school at 926-5003. All children between the ages of 7 and 16 years of age are required to attend school in the state of Georgia.

## TV SCHEDULE

These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15 and on Watson Cable channel 15.



### Friday

**Robins Report:** 8 p.m. – News from around base.

**Around Robins:** 8:30 p.m. – This week’s Around Robins will revisit stories you may have missed. The art of AikiJitsu is offered to base personnel at the base fitness center. Artists at the Museum of Aviation create and restore nose art on display aircraft. If you need something special for that special event, learn what and where you can find it. Chaplin Braswell introduces you to ASSIST.

**Inside Robins:** 9 p.m. – This week’s Inside Robins features an interview with Col. Richard Mills, commander of the 24th MEU.



### Sunday

12:30 p.m. - Robins Report  
1 p.m. - Around Robins  
1:30 p.m. - Inside Robins

### Monday

Noon - Robins Report  
12:30 p.m. - Around Robins  
1 p.m. - Inside Robins

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 for 12 and older, \$2 for ages 5-11. Visit the movie schedule online at <http://www.robins.af.mil/services/Events/TheaterSched.htm>.

### Today — About A Boy (PG-13)

Starring Hugh Grant and Toni Collette.

Will, a 36-year-old London playboy, seeks out relationships with single mothers because he thinks they’re more desperate to find a man. All his plans go out the window when he becomes emotionally attached to a woman’s 12-year-old son. (brief strong language and some thematic elements)



### June 29 — The New Guy (PG-13)

Starring DJ Quall and Zooey Deschanel.



After a few years of being the “uncool kid,” Gill, a high school student, gets himself expelled and even ends up in prison. While there his cellmate, Luther, gives him some tips on how to remake his image so he can start again at a different high school, reinvented as the “cool kid.” (sexual content, language, crude humor and mild drug references)

### We need your input!

What do you think about the Robins Rev-Up? We'd like to know. Take a few minutes and do the online newspaper survey at: [www.afnews.af.mil/internal/survey/survey\\_index.htm](http://www.afnews.af.mil/internal/survey/survey_index.htm). The survey runs until the end of June.



## SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Aero Club

926-4867

Safe Summer Cash-In offers aero club members the chance to win \$250 worth of flying hours or merchandise by attending safety meetings through September. Bi-monthly safety meetings offer members information on flight safety as well as an opportunity to network with other aero club members. During the remainder of the program, members will have six chances to win. July safety meetings will be held on July 16 at 6 p.m. and on July 24 at 11:45 a.m. For more information on Safe Summer Cash-In or membership, call the aero club.

### Child Development

#### Center East

926-5805

A Parent Involvement Group will be conducted on July 11 at 4 p.m.

#### Enlisted Club

926-4515

Press Box is open for dinner 6-9 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. The dinner special will be two-for-one grilled chicken breast, \$12.95, today and Saturday. The Press Box will be closed on July 5 and 6 for the holiday. Reservations are welcome.

The Air Force Club membership scholarship program is under way. Club members and their families can apply for the Air Forces Services sixth annual club membership scholarship program, sponsored by First USA Bank. Three scholarships will be awarded — \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000. Nominees must provide an essay on “Air Force Clubs – How to continue the tradition” and a single-page summary of their accomplishments. Nominations are due to services marketing by July 15. For additional information, call Sherry Trauth at 926-5492. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

### Expressions

926-0304

Fill out the “Give Us Your Ideas” entry form on page 24 of the July Edge magazine and drop it off at Expressions, located at the base restaurant, for a chance to win a \$10 gift certificate.

Drawings will be held on July 8, Aug. 2 and Sept. 6. The winner need not be present to win.

### Information, Tickets and Travel

926-2945

Rally up for the 2002 Squadron Challenge with Robins Air Force Base and the Macon Braves. Through July, military and civilians of any squadron or division can plan group trips to Macon Braves games for a chance to be the best. First sergeants and designated members of various units may purchase tickets from Information, Tickets and Travel. The group with the most participation wins an exclu-



sive VIP party with the team, including giveaways and tickets to future Macon and Atlanta Braves games. Tickets are \$3.50 each. Call Information, Tickets and Travel or ask your first sergeant for more information.

Save money by making vacation plans with the Armed Forces Vacation Club. A seven-day condominium lease is \$234 per week. Locations are available around the world. For more information, call 800-724-9988 or go online at [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com). The Robins AFB AFVC installation number is 79.

### Golf Course

926-4103

July specials at the golf course are Mondays play unlimited golf for \$20, including green fee and cart; and Tuesdays play 18 holes and have lunch for \$20, including cart, green fee.

### Library

327-7379

The base library children’s summer reading program themed “Where in the world are you reading?” is going on until July 31. Special meetings will be held every Tuesday at 10 a.m. for the children enrolled in the program. Guests from around the world will speak each week about their different languages, customs and cultures.

This nine-week program will culminate with an ice cream party at the library on Aug. 6 at 2 p.m. Drawings at the party will include a bowling birthday party certificate and Robby the Robin beanie toys.

Children must read at least 10 age-appropriate books and at least four meetings at the library to be eligible for the drawings. To register, visit the library, located in Bldg. 905.

### Officers’ Club

926-2670

Members celebrating July birthdays are entitled to a \$10 birthday dinner coupon to use the evening of their choice during the month.

### Outdoor Recreation

926-4001

Base pools are open and are free of charge to people with a valid base ID or pool pass. For a complete listing of pool hours, classes and rules, go to the services Web site at [www.robins.af.mil/services](http://www.robins.af.mil/services).

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

**Robins Air Force Base Family Support Center-sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins Plus personnel and their eligible family members. Absences from duty sections to attend FSC offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his/her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.**

**The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the Robins Enlisted Club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, or to make a reservation, please call 926-1256.**

### Back to school

A college basics workshop will be conducted Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 905, Room 137. Information covered includes the application process, factors to consider when selecting a school, GI bill information and researching scholarships.

To make reservations for this workshop, call 926-1256.

### Center closed

In observance of Independence Day, the center and Family Services Loan Closet and Airman’s Attic will be closed Thursday and on July 5. Normal services will resume on July 8 at 7:30 a.m. at the FSC and 10 a.m. for Family Services.

### Sponsorship training

The center’s Relocation Assistance Program will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors on July 9, 9-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905, Room 123. The training provides information on what types of information to send to the member undergoing a permanent change of station and where to obtain it; different ways to communicate with the inbound member; and vital information regarding responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family, if applicable. Advance registration is required.

### Federal job class

Federal employment uses a different hiring system than the civilian sector. The “How to Apply for a Federal Job” workshop helps to increase hiring possibilities by educating personnel about the variety of federal jobs, the qualifications and the classification process, and the steps involved in applying for these jobs.

The next federal jobs class is on July 9, 9–11 a.m., in Bldg. 905. Advanced registration is required.

### Community tour

The center is sponsoring a community tour for all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members on July 10, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., starting at the center. The tour includes a “windshield” tour of Macon’s downtown and residential historic district with commentary on the history of Macon and its people,

past and present. To make reservations, call 926-1256.

### Single parents group

The monthly Single Parents Networking Group meeting will be on July 10, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., base chapel annex.

This monthly lunch meeting is an opportunity for military single parents to network and form a support base. Advanced reservations are not required. Lunch is provided.

### Resume, cover letter workshop

Reservations are being accepted for a resume and cover letter workshop on July 11, 9-11 a.m., Bldg. 905. This class is designed to help the beginner get started and provide the more advanced participant the opportunity to improve their product.

### CSB/REDUX

The personal financial program is offering a class on CSB/REDUX, \$30,000 bonus with reduced retirement pay, on July 12, 1-2:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127.

Individuals who entered military service on Aug. 1, 1986 or later will be offered the career status bonus at approximately their 15th year of service. Taking that bonus will result in reduced retired pay. Thus the decision whether or not to accept the bonus may be one of the most important decisions of a career. This class will explore the options in detail to help people make informed decisions based on their individual circumstances.

### Car care program

The “Car Care Because We Care” program is open to active duty Air Force Spouses, when the military member deploys on assignment for more than 30 days. Additionally, spouses of active duty Air Force member’s serving remote tours overseas are now eligible to use this program. Certificates are issued to the spouse at the center after verification of the member’s remote tour, temporary duty assignment or deployment. If the safety inspection at the service station reveals safety concerns, the spouse may approach the Air Force Aid Society office to apply for an interest free loan, if the family budget cannot absorb the repairs. To receive the certificate, bring a copy of member’s orders by the center.

### Give parents a break

The Air Force Aid Society in cooperation with the Family Member Support Flight, has agreed to provide funding for childcare under a program that offers eligible parents a few hours break from the stresses of parenting. Parents may use this time to suit their personal needs. Under the program the AFAS pays the cost of having the base child development center and the youth activities center open the first and third Friday of each month from 6:30-10 p.m. hours for families referred to the program.



SOFTBALL STANDINGS

As of June 25

Team	Wins	Loss	Tie	PCT	GB
19 ARG-1	15	1	0	.938	—
78 MSS/WR-ALC	15	2	0	.882	0.5
LBP/C130	14	3	0	.824	1.5
5 MOB-1	12	3	0	.800	2.5
93 ACW-1	11	3	0	.786	3
OLD CROWS	12	4	0	.750	3
12 ACCS	12	5	1	.706	3.5
78 SFS	12	5	0	.706	3.5
HQAFRC	11	5	0	.688	4
93 ACW-2	10	6	0	.625	5
19 ARG-2	9	7	0	.563	6
78 CS	9	7	0	.563	6
78 CEG	8	7	0	.533	6.5
93 CSS	9	8	0	.529	6.5
93 MXS/LG	8	8	1	.500	7
78 MDG	8	10	0	.444	8
128 BS	7	9	0	.438	8
AF OSI	7	9	0	.438	8
116 BW	7	10	0	.412	8.5
AHZ	6	11	0	.353	9.5
367 RCG	5	13	0	.278	11
93 MXS/AGE	3	14	0	.176	12.5
5 MOB-2	3	14	0	.176	12.5
653 CLSS	3	14	0	.176	12.5
CGOA	3	15	0	.167	13
53 CBCS	2	13	0	.133	12.5
78 OSS	1	16	0	.059	14.5

Fitness center best in Air Force

Robins Air Force Base Fitness Center was named the best in the Air Force for its facilities and programs Monday.

The \$9 million facility, which opened in April of 2001, serves approximately 1,500 customers daily.

Col. Bonnie Cirrincione, commander of the 78th Air Base Wing said, “This is the absolute right award, for the right fitness center, in the right year. This place is the best!”

Roger Braner, the fitness center director, said he continually receives feedback from active duty personal that the fitness facility is the best they have ever seen on a military instillation.

Braner said the award was “satisfying and definitely a group effort.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Roger Braner, fitness center director looks on as Col. Bonnie Cirrincione, 78th Air Base Wing commander, announces the Robins Air Force Base Fitness Center's Air Force Award.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fitness Center

**926-2128**  
FitLinxx customers will have a chance to win a \$200 voucher for hotel accommodations at any Choice Hotels International in July. The center has set goals using vari-

ous distances to beaches from Warner Robins.

To be eligible for the drawing, use the FitLinxx equipment to exercise the equivalent mileage needed to travel to their goal. Every time a destination is reached, their name

will be entered into the drawing to be held at the end of the month.

Golf tourney

The Federal Manager’s Association is holding a golf tournament to help raise money for its scholarship fund. The tournament will be on July 12 with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Cost of \$40 includes prizes, lunch, green fees, cart, balls and drinks. Call Sandy Portz at 926-3682 or Jerry Williams at 926-5918 to sign up. Entry deadline is on July 5.

Robins Lanes

**926-2112**  
Beat the heat with bowling center summer savings. Get a stamp for

every snack bar, pro shop or open bowling purchase costing more than \$2. Collect five stamps for a chance to win up to \$500.

Cash prizes totaling \$200 will be awarded on July 8 and 19 and on Aug. 2 and 16. The grand prize of \$500 will be awarded on Aug. 30. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. There is no limit to cards that may be turned in.



# ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

## Recruiting veterans

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center, Bldg 905, Suite 113, on July 15, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. to take questions about Troops to Teachers, a cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to service members who are seeking a second career as educators in public schools.

Troops to Teachers is administered by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support and is headquartered in Pensacola, Fla.

For more information on the Troops to Teachers Program in Georgia, contact Kirkland at 800-745-0709; commercial at 404-657-9055; or by e-mail at . For more information about this briefing, contact Fran Sheridan at the base education office at 327-7325.

## Sergeants association

The Air Force Sergeants Association International City Chapter No. 404 will hold a general membership meeting on July 9. The meeting will be held at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club’s Press Box. All AFSA members and non-members are encouraged to attend.

AFSA is for active duty or retired Air Force, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve E1-E9s.

## Motorcycle training

The next motorcycle training class is scheduled for July 18 and 19. Sign up through security forces pass and ID or contact Bill Morrow, at the center safety office at 926-6271 or william.morrow@robins.af.mil.

## Vacation Bible school

Robins Chapel’s Vacation Bible School will be held July 8-12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year’s Vacation Bible School, themed SonCanyon River Adventure, will be held at the lodge at Luna Lake and the Nature Center for grades kindergarten through sixth grade.

Vacation Bible School is cross-denominational. Parents must register their children early at the chapel,

not by phone, through June 28, 9 a. m. to 1:30 p.m. Class size will be limited.

Those interested in volunteering or those with questions may call Tonya Brown at 926-2821.

## Scholarship for employees

Retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nutgeren Scholarship applications are being accepted for the academic year 2002-2003. The \$750 scholarship will be awarded to a military or civilian employee of Robins Air Force Base.

Applicants must be enrolled in an on-base educational programs. Application forms are available at the base college offices or the education and training office. Applications must be completed and submitted to the education and training office by close of business on July 19.

For more information, contact the base education and training office, Bldg. 905, Room 113, or call 327-

7304. The scholarship was established in 1998 by the Middle Georgia Affairs Committee to honor the service of General Nutgeren as commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

## Case lot sale

The Robins Air Force Base Commissary will conduct a case lot sale today through Wednesday. The commissary will be open Monday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The case lot sale will be ongoing on this day.

Any questions may be addressed to Larry Danforth, store director, at 926-3714.

## Apply now for AWC studies

The Robins Air Force Base Education Office is now accepting enrollment applications for Air War College nonresident studies. Seminar meetings are held weekly, starting in early August and running until mid-June.

This program is open to active duty, guard, and reserve O-5 selectees or above, of any component of the US Armed Forces, and federal civilian employees (GS-13 or above). Sign up by July 15.

Take completed applications to Bldg. 905 or call Fran Sheridan at 327-7325 for more details.

## Museum needs volunteers

The Museum of Aviation Flight and Technology Center is seeking volunteers to meet and greet visitors daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Tour guide opportunities are available as well as special function opportunities.

For additional information, contact museum director of protocol and volunteers, Judy Blackburn at 926-4242 or 926-6870 for additional information on how your time and talents can be used.



# ROBINS CLUBS

**Aerospace Toastmasters Club** - meets the second and fourth Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate conference room 1, Bay D15, Room 1-E. To develop or polish your speaking and leadership skills call Keith Dierking at 926-0420 or Brenda Smith at 926-6884, ext. 724.

**Company Grade Officers Association** - meets the third Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Georgia Room in the officer's club.

**Federal Managers Association** - meets periodically. A variety of speakers provide information to ensure excellence in the federal workplace. For information, call Jan McDaniel, Ext.926-2564.

**Major General Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc.** — meets the third Wednesday of each month, at 11:30 a.m. at a location designated by the executive board. For more information, contact Toledo J. Bradford, public relations officer, at 926-7851, ext. 114 or e-mail to Toledo.Bradford@robins.af.mil. Interested individuals may also contact German T.

Acree, president, at work at 926-6881 or at home at 953-6261.

**Middle Georgia Chapter of Blacks In Government** – meets the fourth Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the base restaurant in the private dinning room. Guests may attend. For additional information, contact Toledo J. Bradford, chairman publicity committee, at 926-7851, ext. 114 or e-mail to Toledo.Bradford@robins.af.mil. Interested people may also contact Fred Wilson, president of Middle Georgia Chapter of Blacks In Government, at fred.wilson1@robins.af.mil.

**Military Surviving Spouses** – meet on the second Monday of the month for dinner at 6 p.m. in the officer's club. The meeting follows. Any widow or widower of a retired spouse is eligible to be a member. For more information, call 923-1204 or 923-1098.

**National Contract Management Association** - meets once a month in the officers' club. For information, call Misty Holtz at 926-7121, or Maj. David Hincks at 926-3666.

**Network 56** – Information for Network 56 can be found online at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/Network56>.

The page has information on meetings, links for noncommissioned office development, the organizational charter and news about Network 56.

**Officers' Christian Fellowship** – meets each Monday at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff or Nancy Smith at 953-7834 or Chris or Deb Holinger at 218-4598.

**Officers' Spouses Club** — If you are new to Robins Air Force Base and your spouse is eligible for officers' club membership, the Officers' Spouses Club would like to extend a warm southern welcome to you. Call Sandi Smith at 971-4359 to receive a welcome packet.

**P r o c u r e m e n t Toastmasters Club** - meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate's conference room, north end of Bldg. 300. For information, call Marian Hartley, 926-0886; or Bob Valdez, 926-9332.

**Ravens Toastmasters Club** - meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate's conference room No. 1, Bldg. 300, East Wing, door 6A. For information, call Eddie Sanford, 926-9867.

**Reserve Officer's Association** - meets the second Tuesday of each month

at 11:30 a.m. at the officers club. For information, call Lt. Col. Barry Taylor, 327-1191.

**Robins Top 3 Association** - meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club. For information, call Senior Master Sgt. Kathy Gray at 327-8079, or Senior Master Sgt. Ida Koepke at 327-8312.

**Robins' Voices International Training in Communication Club** — meets the first Thursday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in the special functions room of the base restaurant. For infor-

mation, call Evelyn Fountain, 926-7429.

**The Retired Enlisted Association Warner Robins Eagle Chapter 94** – meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Warner Robins American Legion Post 172 on Watson Boulevard. For more information, call Dan Toma at 757-2525 or Jack Tooley at 929-6801.

*Editor's Note: Information provided by club members. If your club or group's information changes, notify the Rev-Up staff so that the club listings may be updated.*

**Submit planner information, honor rolls, features and bulletin board items to Rebecca Yull, Rev-Up associate editor, Bldg. 215, Room 106. Also e-mail at [rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil](mailto:rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil) or fax to 926-9597.**



# National Association of Old Crows recognizes Robins employees

By Leslie Nelson  
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Two Warner Robins Air Logistics Center employees and one Warner Robins resident have been named recipients of 2002 National Association of Old Crows individual awards.

Patricia Martin, Electronic Warfare Product Directorate – or LN – deputy director, is the recipient of the 2002 AOC Executive Management Award. This individual award specifically recognizes EW professionals for their “performance at the executive level in organizing, planning, and directing EW/IO personnel and programs.”



Martin

According to local Dixie Crow Chapter President Julie Vick, Martin “has always made herself available to advise the chapter on issues involving the WR-ALC executive management.”

Martin has worked for the U.S. Air Force and Robins Air Force Base for more than 29 years.

A second center employee, John W. Louth, with the LN Systems Engineering Division, will receive the 2002 AOC Radio Frequency individual award for his achievements in “development or application of RF systems, techniques, countermeasures, or counter-countermeasures.” Louth, chief engineer for the ALR-56M radar warning receiver, was



Louth

cited for his knowledge and technical management skills that maximized RWR system performance. He was also instrumental in developing user-ready technologies, building operational flexibility into RWR systems, and training and motivating team members. Louth has served in numerous RWR engineer positions on Robins AFB during the past 30 years.

John Wayne Carter, a Warner Robins resident and military retiree, is the recipient of the AOC’s 2002 Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognizes individuals who have served at all levels of the local and national organization.

The National Association of Old Crows, chartered in 1966, is the premier networking organization for electronic warfare professionals. In 1968, The Dixie Crow Chapter was established and since that time it has developed a strong relationship with LN at Robins. Each year the AOC presents individual awards in 15 categories to EW professionals who have made significant contributions to EW and information operations efforts, and a team award to one integrated product team for its contributions to EW and information superiority.

Dave Adamy, AOC president, will present this year’s awards at the AOC National Convention being held in Nashville, Tenn., in October.

## MAJOR SELECTEES

The following are the most recent major selectees at Robins Air Force Base.

**Warner Robins Air Logistics Center**  
**Monte D. Anderson**, MPF Edwards  
**Matthew C. Finnegan**, WR-ALC/LY  
**Jeffery E. Gates**, WR-ALC/TI  
**Traci R., Madison**, WR-ALC/CCX  
**Robert N. Pittman**, WR-ALC/LA

**78th Air Base Wing**  
**Nichola S. Adams**, 78th MDOS  
**Prudence R. Anderson**, 78th MDOS  
**Terry R. Mathews**, 78th MDG

**93rdrd Air Control Wing**  
**Walter C. Allen II**, 93rd OSS  
**Christopher J. Blaney**, 12th ACCS  
**John N. Bryan**, 93rd ACW  
**Kent A. Christen**, 93rd TRS  
**Rowena Christie**, 93rd TRS  
**David F. Evans Jr.**, 93rd TRS  
**Jeffery B. Gartman**, 93rd TRS  
**Hans P. Haussler**, 16th ACCS

**Douglas O. Kugler**, 93rd TRS  
**Daniel W. McNeill**, 12th ACCS  
**Ronni M. Orezzoli**, 93rd TRS  
**Jonathan M. Prindle**, 12th ACCS  
**Paul J. Quigley**, 93rd TRS  
**Michael A. Reschke**, 93rd OG  
**Timothy J. Sweeney**, 93rd TRS  
**Kenneth J. Yunevich**, 93rd CSS

**19th ARG**  
**Jonathan M. Baughman**, 99th ARS  
**Mark M. Deresky**, 99th ARS  
**Shawn D. Gahring**, 99th ARS

**Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command**  
**Jeffery T. Hennes**  
**Jeffery T. Smith**

**5th Combat Communications Group**  
**Frank G. Ruggeri**, 52nd CBCS

**Other organizations**  
**Craig R. Harrison**, 314th OG

## LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

- **Linda Dixon**, 78th Air Base Wing Plans and Analysis Office. Point of contact is Dot Clark, 926-5383.
- **Harold G. Welch**, Avionics Management Directorate. Point of contact is Betty Henderson, 926-2576.
- **Brigid P. O’Hearn**, Avionics Management Directorate. Point of contact is

Sam Kenley, 926-6816.

*Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave.*

*To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Rebecca Yull via fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.*

## HAWC SCHEDULE

**Evening Weight Loss:** July 1, 4:45–6 p.m.  
**Diabetic Seminar:** July 8 and 10, 7:45 a.m. to noon  
**Evening Diabetes 101:** July 18, 6:15-8:30 p.m.  
**Evening Healthy Heart:** July 18, 3:45-6 p.m.  
**Stress Management:** July 11, 1-2 p.m.

**Prepared Childbirth:** July 9, 7-9 p.m.  
**Lactation Class:** July 11, 3-5 p.m.

HAWC hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays. For more information, contact the HAWC at 327-8480.